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## ***Ozone update roundup***

### **1 — New EPA ozone standards will squeeze North Texas, Dallas Morning News, 10/1/2015**

<http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/new-epa-ozone-standards-will-squeeze-north-texas.html/>

The Environmental Protection Agency announced new air quality standards for ozone. Ozone is the triad of oxygen molecules that is one of the nastier ingredients in smog. The old standard was a maximum average over three years, using a complex formula of 75 parts per billion. The new one is 70 parts per billion.

### **2 — New federal clean air standards won't mar Austin's economy, Austin American-Statesman, 10/1/2015**

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/new-federal-clean-air-standards-wont-mar-austins-e/nnsPX/>

The Austin area appears to have dodged the prospect of new smog limits that might have hindered regional economic development. If the Austin area had run afoul of the new federal clean air standards, the region's economy could have suffered tens of billions of dollars in losses over the next three decades, according to a recent report by a coalition of local governments.

### **3 – S.A. would fail new air quality standard, San Antonio Express-News, 10/1/2015**

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/New-federal-ozone-rules-to-have-local-impact-6543786.php>

Local leaders and environmentalists said they soon will work to develop a regional plan to improve the air quality in San Antonio, which would be in violation of a new federal clean air

standard announced Thursday if it was in effect now.

**4 — Obama administration issues rules to curb ozone, Houston Chronicle, 10/1/15**

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Obama-Administration-issues-rules-to-curb-ozone-6543739.php>

The Obama administration on Thursday unveiled a controversial and long-delayed environmental regulation that will curtail emissions of lung-irritating ozone, putting smoggy cities such as Houston even further behind in efforts to comply with the federal limit.

**5 — EPA puts in place stricter rules on ozone, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/oct/02/epa-puts-in-place-stricter-rules-on-ozo-1/?latest>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday tighter standards on ground-level ozone, which is often referred to as smog.

**6 — EPA sets new ozone standards, Longview (TX) News-Journal, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.news-journal.com/news/2015/oct/01/epa-sets-new-ozone-standards/>

Federal transportation funds could be at stake for area counties if they can't comply with a new, tighter standard for ozone that was set Thursday by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**7 — Oklahoma likely will meet ozone regulations, The Oklahoman, 10/2/2015**

<http://newsok.com/article/5450718>

Oklahoma is expected to be able to meet tighter limits for ground-level ozone, or smog, unveiled Thursday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

***Other news***

**8 — EPA releases program for the Illinois River Basin, Muskogee (OK) Phoenix, 10/2/2015**

[http://www.muskogee phoenix.com/news/epa-releases-program-for-the-illinois-river-basin/article\\_05b4890b-8e10-5bee-b53a-98457fb1e6b8.html](http://www.muskogee phoenix.com/news/epa-releases-program-for-the-illinois-river-basin/article_05b4890b-8e10-5bee-b53a-98457fb1e6b8.html)

Federal environmental regulators released on Thursday their long-awaited modeling program for the Illinois River Basin that eventually will be used to set limits for pollutants entering the watershed and Tenkiller Lake.

**9 – Guardian, EPA reach settlement on alleged Clean Air Act violations, Corsicana (TX) Daily Sun, 10/1/2015**

<http://bit.ly/1Go6s73>

The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have announced a settlement with Guardian Industries Corp. that will resolve alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at Guardian's flat glass manufacturing facilities throughout the U.S. One of those facilities is located in Corsicana, Texas, noted U.S. Attorney John Parker of the Northern District of Texas.

**10 — Mosaic Fertilizer pledges \$2 billion to settle hazardous waste complaints, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 10/1/2015**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/10/mosaic\\_fertilizer\\_pledges\\_2\\_bi.html](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/10/mosaic_fertilizer_pledges_2_bi.html)

Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, one of the world's largest manufacturers of phosphate and potash fertilizers, has entered into a \$2 billion settlement with the Environmental Protection Agency, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to end a 10-year battle over the disposal of hazardous wastes in huge stacks of gypsum wastes along the Mississippi River in Louisiana and in several locations in Florida.

**11 — Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin discusses earthquakes and fracking at water and energy event, The Oklahoman, 10/1/2015**

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-gov.-mary-fallin-discusses-earthquakes-and-fracking-at-water-and-energy-event/article/5450487>

Touching on hot-button issues such as triggered earthquakes and hydraulic fracturing, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin said Wednesday states are best positioned to come up with solutions involving energy development and water usage.

**12 — Sierra Club presses to hasten haze plan, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/oct/02/sierra-club-presses-to-hasten-haze-plan/>

The Sierra Club reasserted its request that a federal judge set an April date for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to submit a final plan for Arkansas to implement regional haze rules.

**13 — Exxon is fined \$2.6M for spill, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/oct/02/exxon-is-fined-2-6m-for-spill-20151002/>

A federal regulatory agency fined Exxon Mobil \$2.6 million on Thursday over a series of safety violations that preceded an oil spill in Mayflower more than two years ago.

**14 — Feds: Proposed pipeline rules could have prevented accidents, The Oklahoman, 10/2/2015**

<http://newsok.com/feds-proposed-pipeline-rules-could-have-prevented-accidents/article/feed/898369>

New federal rules proposed for pipelines that carry oil and other hazardous liquids could have prevented more than 200 accidents since 2010, including a Michigan rupture that ranks as the costliest onshore spill in U.S. history, federal officials said.

**15 — Local water quality under watchful eyes, Miami (OK) News-Record, 10/2/2015**

[http://www.miamiok.com/news/article\\_c09135aa-c312-53a8-b181-53d2be5d4987.html](http://www.miamiok.com/news/article_c09135aa-c312-53a8-b181-53d2be5d4987.html)

Northeast Oklahoma residents can't go far without having to cross a river, stream or lake. The quality of those waters, most of which run into Grand Lake and the state of the lake are under the watchful eyes of more people than you may know.

**16 — State of Tyler's water system, KLTN, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.kltv.com/story/30161395/state-of-tylers-water-system>

Tyler's city budget goes into effect Thursday which means approved funding for the city's expanding and aging water system.

**17 — Superfund talk dominant at Senate hearing on Colorado mine spill, KLTv, 10/2/2015**

[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_28906259/superfund-talk-dominant-at-senate-hearing-colorado-mine](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_28906259/superfund-talk-dominant-at-senate-hearing-colorado-mine)

Talk of Superfund designation was dominant Thursday as Colorado's senators listened to testimony in Washington about the small-business impacts of the Gold King Mine spill above Silverton.

**18 — U.S. fuel economy data on cars inaccurate and getting worse, study finds, Reuters, 10/2/2015**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/01/usa-mileage-idUSL1N1212XV20151001>

Oct 1 The U.S. government's testing underestimates how much fuel cars will burn on the road, and the problem has gotten worse, according to a study released on Thursday.